

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed June 23, 2004 has been carefully considered.

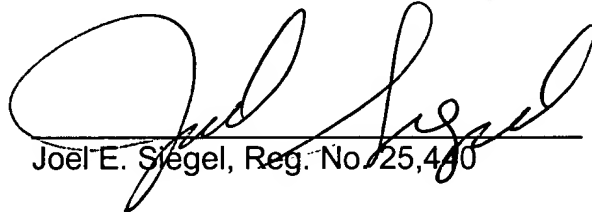
Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claims 16-25.

In order to facilitate the prosecution of this application, claims 27 and 28 have been cancelled. Applicant reserves the right to file a continuation application directed to the subject matter of the cancelled claims.

It is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT and any other documents referred to as enclosed herein, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service, Via First Class U.S. First Class Mail on the date indicated below and addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Date: August 23, 2004

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